

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 6861

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 18, 2002

Application of)	Case No. AP-2002-109
AMERICAN LIMOUSINES, INC., for a)	
Certificate of Authority --)	
Irregular Route Operations)	

By application accepted for filing October 3, 2002, American Limousines, Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with twenty-five vehicles, with seating capacities ranging from 5 to 42 passengers. Applicant's proposed tariff contains airport transfer rates and hourly charter rates with minimum charges.

Proposed "Surface Transportation Charges" of 9.25 percent apply to all charter trips, but the nature of the charges is not explained. Charter trips are also subject to mileage charges, but the proposed tariff does not explain when the mileage charges apply. The proposed airport transfer rates apply to and from "downtown" hotels, but the term "downtown" is not defined.

Applicant will be directed to file an amended proposed tariff explaining the nature of the proposed "Surface Transportation Charges," explaining when mileage rates apply, and defining the term "downtown." Applicant also will be directed to explain why the addition of a 9.25 percent surcharge to each charter trip, instead of building that charge into the charter base rates, is not misleading and therefore an unreasonable practice under Article XI, Section 16, of the Compact.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than November 1, 2002, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

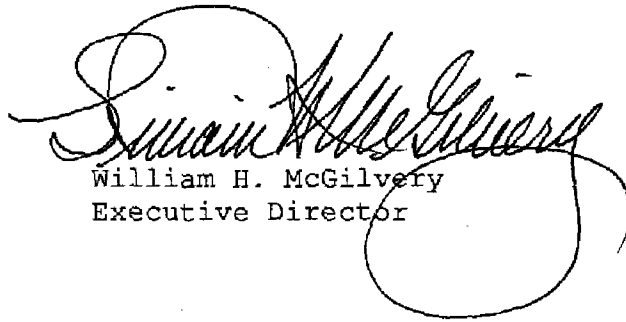
2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than November 22, 2002, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than November 1, 2002, an original and four copies of an amended proposed tariff explaining the nature of the proposed "Surface Transportation Charges," explaining when mileage rates apply, and defining the term "downtown."

4. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than November 1, 2002, an original and four copies of a written statement explaining why the addition of a 9.25 percent surcharge to each charter trip, instead of building that charge into the charter base rates, is not misleading and therefore an unreasonable practice under Article XI, Section 16, of the Compact.

5. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is November 22, 2002, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Gary L. Day, 4401 E. Fairmount Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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Executive Director